

April 3, 2007

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 3, 2007**

A Special meeting of the City Council of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia.

PRESENT: Steven R. Taylor, Mayor  
Brenda S. Pelham, Vice Mayor  
Christina J. Luman-Bailey, Councilor  
Curtis W. Harris, Councilor  
Kenneth B. Emerson, Councilor  
E. Randy Sealey, Councilor  
N. Gregory Cuffey, Councilor

John M. Altman, Jr., Interim City Manager  
Edwin N. Wilmot, City Attorney  
Julie B. Sharp, Assistant City Clerk

ABSENT: Ann M. Romano, City Clerk

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting at 5:34 PM. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mayor Taylor	-	present
Vice Mayor Pelham	-	present
Councilor Bailey	-	present
Councilor Harris	-	present
Councilor Emerson	-	present
Councilor Sealey	-	present
Councilor Cuffey	-	present

**COLONIAL CORNER DRIVE CROSS-OVER PROJECT**

The City Administration has been working to develop the plans and specifications for a cross-over that would connect Colonial Crossing Drive to old Woodlawn Street. This project has been under consideration and has been the topic of discussion with previous City Council's as a method to encourage development along the Rt. 36 corridor. The City Administration views the cross-over as a critical project in the development and redevelopment of the Rt. 36 corridor because it will provide the properties along old Woodlawn Street with direct access to Rt. 36. Direct access to Rt. 36 provides a "front door" for the properties along old Woodlawn Street and convenient access to and from I-295. James L. Clayton Enterprises is currently constructing the "Stay-Over Suites" at the corner of Perrymont Road and old Woodlawn Street. The City Administration is requesting Council action on this item and approval to move forward without the use of the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding that has been allocated to the project. This request is the result of the time sensitive nature of the project to Clayton Enterprises and the timeline provided by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to satisfy all of the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) requirements to utilize the CMAQ and RSTP funds. VDOT has informed the City Administration that it would take six-months to complete the FHA requirements in order to proceed with the project. The City Administration believes that this type of delay would have an adverse effect on the Clayton Enterprises project, Stay-Over Suites. The Stay-Over Suites hotel is an investment in the City of approximately \$7.5 million dollars and will generate an estimated \$190,000 in real estate and lodging taxes annually. Given the estimated real estate tax generated by the Stay-Over Suites project, the taxes received from the new project will pay for the construction of the cross-over in a year.

April 3, 2007

Motion was made by Councilor Emerson and seconded by Councilor Sealey to approve the request and authorize the following: (1) the City Administration to proceed with the implementation of the project; (2) to authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documentation to implement the project; (3) the utilization of Emergency Procurement procedures for the project; (4) the approval of \$120,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to complete the project; and (5) the reallocation of the CMAQ and RSTP funds allocated to this project to the Rt. 36/Jefferson Park Road turn lane project. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Harris	-	yes
Councilor Emerson		yes
Councilor Sealey	-	yes
Mayor Taylor	-	yes
Vice Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Councilor Cuffey	-	yes
Councilor Bailey	-	yes

#### **AMEND HOPEWELL CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION SCHEDULE**

Motion was made by Councilor Sealey, and seconded by Councilor Cuffey, to move City Council's Budget Work Sessions scheduled for April 12, April 19 and April 26, 2007 at 5:30 to April 23, April 24, and April 30, 2007 at 5:30. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Harris	-	yes
Councilor Emerson		yes
Councilor Sealey	-	yes
Mayor Taylor	-	yes
Vice Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Councilor Cuffey	-	yes
Councilor Bailey	-	yes

#### **ADJOURN**

At 6:19 PM, motion was made by Councilor Sealey, and seconded by Councilor Cuffey, to adjourn the meeting. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Councilor Harris	-	yes
Councilor Emerson		yes
Councilor Sealey	-	yes
Mayor Taylor	-	yes
Vice Mayor Pelham	-	yes
Councilor Cuffey	-	yes
Councilor Bailey	-	yes

---

Steven R. Taylor, Mayor

---

Julie B. Sharp, Assistant City Clerk